

## Minutes of Monthly Meeting M.D. Battle River No. 423

The council of the municipal district of Battle River No. 423 met in the office of the secretary-treasurer at Irma, Alberta, on Thursday, May 9th, 1940, full council present, reverend R. D. Smallwood in the chair.

Moved by Mr. Blakely that the minutes of April 11, 1940 be accepted as read. Carried.

Moved by Mr. Blakely that the secretary insert in the Irma Times that tenders will be received by the council on June 19th for the purchase of the old office typewriter. Cd.

Moved by Mr. Collette that the correspondence from the Prairie Farm Assistance branch, Regina, Saskatchewan, advising that Township 46 in range 7 will receive a small bonus be received. Cd.

Moved by Mr. Collette that the secretary write the Prairie Farm Assistance branch at Regina asking what award township 46 in range 7 will receive also asking them for a consideration of their decision as to township 45 range 9 W4. Cd.

Moved by Mr. Blakely that the secretary write the minister of public works, government of Alberta, for a municipal grant to this district on a 50-50 basis, and that the district engineer meet the council at their June 18th meeting. Cd.

Moved by Mr. Kelly that O. Croteau and T. McFarland be appointed road foremen for division 1. Cd.

Moved by Mr. Stewart that Carl Larson be appointed road foreman for division 4. Cd.

Moved by Mr. Collette that the rate of pay for public works for 1940 excepting engine work be the same as the 1939 scale. Cd.

Moved by Mr. Kelly that the rate for engine and engine setting be \$2.50 per hour for 1940 public works. Yes: Smallwood, Stewart, Blakely, Collette and Kelly; nay: Steele. Motion carried.

Moved by Mr. Kelly that the secretary prepare a statement of amount owing division 1, 1939 road work from Gilt Edge M.D. and present same to that council. Cd.

Moved by Mr. Blakely that the report of Messrs. Steele and Kelly re the occupation of the E/4 28-45-46 be accepted. Cd.

Moved by Mr. Blakely that the Irma branch of the Women's Institute be granted the privilege of a clean up day in the Irma cemetery, date to be set by the Institute and a notice of same be placed in the Irma Times. Cd.

Moved by Mr. Blakely that the letter from the department of agriculture re noxious weed control be received and filed. Cd.

Moved by Mr. Collette that the weed inspectors for 1940 be M. D. Askin and A. E. Peterson under the same agreement conditions and rate of pay as in 1939. Cd.

Moved by Mr. Collette that the letter from the Wainwright and district Board of Trade be received and filed. Cd.

Moved by Mr. Stewart that the report of the reeve and secretary re the SE 9-44-7 W4 be accepted. Cd.

Moved by Mr. Smallwood that Mr. Kelly and Mr. Collette be a committee to interview Mr. Peterson and Mr. McQuaker regarding the 5/4 on the SW 12-44-7 W4 that a letter to each party be given to each one of the committee setting out full instructions with regards to this land to be read to each party and signed by them and returned by the committee to the office for filing. Cd.

Moved by Mr. Blakely that this council lease to R. Harding the NW 6-44-9 W4 for one year for pasture purposes as from March 1st, 1940, for purposes as from March 1st, 1940, lease to abide by the provisions of the Tax Recovery Act. Cd.

Moved by Mr. Kelly that this council lease to H. Muir the SE 32-45-7 for one year as from March 1st, 1940, for one-third share of 2200 grown on said land, proceeds to be applied on arrears of taxes of this land. Cd.

Moved by Mr. Blakely that Tax consolidation agreement on SE 10-46-8 W4 be approved. Cd.

Moved by Mr. Kelly that Tax consolidation agreement on NW 10-45-7

W4 be approved. Cd.

Moved by Mr. Collette that the report of the committee re J. D. Nachtigal medical be accepted. Cd.

Moved by Mr. Blakely that the report of Mr. Smallwood re Mrs. T. Brownson hospitalization be accepted. Cd.

Moved by Mr. Blakely that the report of Dr. Greenberg re Mrs. T. Brownson and J. D. Nachtigal be accepted. Cd.

Moved by M. Stowam that the letter from J. E. Brownlee, K.C., giving his opinion as to E. Larocque residence as read be received and that the secretary write the commissioner of relief as suggested in this correspondence. Cd.

Moved by Mr. Blakely that relief be extended to Geo. McLean for \$25 until June 13th, 1940. Cd.

Moved by Mr. Stewart that relief be extended to Mrs. Hughes for \$10 until June 13 as emergency measure in view of the contents contained in Bureau Relief letter of May 3rd file 51219. Cd.

Moved by Mr. Smallwood that relief be extended to Mrs. J. Berquist for \$12 until June 13th, 40. Cd.

Moved by Mr. Kelly that Mrs. Berquist be allowed 2 bushels of seed potatoes and garden seeds to the amount of \$4.00. Cd.

Moved by Mr. Stewart that relief be extended to J. D. Nachtigal for \$14 until June 13, 40. Cd.

Moved by Mr. Blakely that relief be extended to Mrs. A. Kneily for \$6.00 until June 13, 40. Cd.

Moved by Mr. Kelly that relief be extended to Mrs. C. Brulst for \$10 until June 13th, 40. Cd.

Moved by Mr. Kelly that relief be extended to F. Cartier for \$12 until June 13th, 40. Cd.

Moved by Mr. Blakely that relief be extended to C. Abernathy for \$2.50 per week until June 13 and after that period that relief will be cut off at date secretary notify all parties concerned that date. Cd.

Moved by Mr. Collette that hospital notices St. Anne's hospital re O. Berquist and Wainwright municipal hospital re J. D. Nachtigal be received. Cd.

Moved by Mr. Collette that the statement of receipts and disbursements ending April 30th 1940 be accepted and incorporated in the minutes. Cd.

Moved by Mr. Kelly that the following bills and pay sheets be passed and paid:  
Irma S.D. 2435 col April ..... \$ 21.38  
Town of Wainwright col April ..... 47.50  
Municipal Act comm retained ..... 3.62  
Dept Mun Aff col Apr. soc ser ..... 69.46  
Dept Mun Aff col Apr W land ..... 6.68  
F. E. McLeod re Audrey Ross ..... 5.00  
W. N. Frickson re Nachtigal ..... 7.50  
St. Anne Hosp re O. Berquist ..... 32.00  
Wainwright mun hos re Nachtigal ..... 5.25  
Dr. Springbett re Nachtigal ..... 10.00  
Dr. Greenberg re Audrey Ross ..... 80.00  
West Mun News, supplies ..... 51.05  
Alta Mun Stat, supplies ..... 2.19  
F. W. Clark Co. supplies ..... 45.40  
Irma Times, papers April ..... 65.00  
L.T.O. 1940 current list and title ..... 32.00  
Chas. Wilkenson sal April ..... 120.00  
Petty cash ..... 54.80  
Workman's Compensation board ..... 26.27  
Robin Hood Mills assigned Irma ..... 10.00  
Tide Co. Hughes rel Jan Feb Mar 80.00  
W. Adams, rel Cartier 12.00  
rel Brulst 10.00, April ..... 92.00  
Mrs. E. Thirkle re Larocque ..... 15.00  
E. S. Boag re Berquist April rel 12.00  
J. C. McFarland Co. McLean ..... 25.00  
rel April ..... 25.00  
A. Latch Brulst rel Mar Apr 10.00  
J. Voros labour div. 2 ..... 4.75  
R. Burns labour div. 8 ..... 25.05  
R. O. Larson labour div 4 ..... 19.00  
H. Peterson labour div. 4 ..... 2.50  
Pay sheet 4. B. ..... 13.30  
Pay sheet 5. A. ..... 61.10

Motion carried.  
Acct. H. Alm ordered tabled, correspondence re sleeping sickness in horses, Canadian National Institute for the Blind, and Bureau Relief re garden seeds, ordered filed for reference. Correspondence from dept of health re Leduc sanatorium contents referred to Mr. G. Leduc. Matter of contract between M.D. Battle River No. 423 and G. H. Curtis agreed upon, secretary was instructed to prepare agreement as schedule "A" and append to by-law No. 86 to be presented at June meeting for necessary readings.

Moved by Mr. Blakely that council adjourn. Cd.

## RED CROSS NOTES

A general meeting of the Irma branch of the Red Cross Society was held in Hedley's hall on Thursday evening, May 9th, with a fair attendance.

The treasurer's report was given as follows: Total membership 165. Total receipts as from November 11th, 1939 ..... \$471.45

Total expenditures ..... 270.00  
Cash in bank ..... 201.45  
Expenses were:

Red Cross headquarters for charter ..... 15.00  
Red Cross campaign com. .... 250.00  
Supplies ..... 5.00

Instructions were given to order \$100.00 worth of wool and supplies, and that the working committee distribute these goods for make-up.

On account of Rev. Fr. McGraw explaining that owing to leaving the district, that he would be unable to carry on as president, the Rev. Mr. Longmire accepted the office until the annual meeting of November 11, 1940. All other officers remained the same.

A Red Cross tea will be held at the home of Mrs. R. C. McFarland some time in June, further particulars will appear later.

The Alberta Divisional headquarters has shipped for transfer to Great Britain 236 cases of war and relief supplies since February 1. The last shipment of 32 cases went out on May 8th.

This latest shipment included 144 dressing gowns, 560 surgical towels, 1,184 sling bandages, 444 knitted helmets, 288 pyjamas, 90 surgical gowns, 192 bed sheets, 144 Hampton bed pads, 1,200 pillow cases, 646 bed covers, 1,844 handkerchiefs, 444 wash cloths, 1,224 hot water bottle covers, 1,008 personal property bags, 408 bed covers, 132 bed jackets, 972 socks for navy, 216 scarves for army, 234 pneumonia jackets, 180 mattress bed pads, 492 T bandages—a total of 11,849 articles.

In addition there were shipped 323 articles of clothing for Finnish refugees.

W.C.T.U. MEETING

April 30-May 6—It was a week of inspiration.

Part time attendance at W.C.T.U. district conference; part time attendance at a convention of the Associated Temperance Force of Alberta; a half day spent in a 10-room public school; an evening talk to the Beulah Home family; several sessions of assiduously listening to a series of five keenly inspiring addresses by Miss Bertha Rachel Palmer, director of scientific temperance instruction, National W.C.T.U. of the United States.

There was Rev. Foulston showing a new and interestingly valuable film on narcotics; there was the startling story of questions propounded to the House of Lords by Lord Ponsonby; there was the quotation from British Hauser re regulations providing for allowance to unmarried women who will cohabit with soldiers for six months; there was the palatable evidence of why Miss Palmer is termed a dynamic speaker.

She never repeats words as do some speakers in an apparent attempt to impress hearers; but passes rapidly from point to point, swiftly illustrating by means of her portable laboratory the truths she wishes to make known; while the fact that by logical presentation of data in support of which she gives ample and substantial proof, she has induced 47 of the 48 states to revise their course of study in indubitable evidence of her power as a pedagogical trainer in state and religious education.

I have never before seen audiences so alertly interested in temperance lectures as was evinced in response to her "new approach to an old problem."

No one report, brief as limited time and space may be accorded to it in any single issuance can possibly portray even the high lights of such a week.

But trusting to the editorial generosity accorded me in the past through these columns, item by item I will be bringing in more anon.

—Nancy O. Parke.

FOR SALE OR TRADE—One Savage 22 rifle and one McLaughlin Buick motor. Frank Maguire, Irma, Alta.

17-24p

## UNITED CHURCH PASTOR PASSES TO REWARD

The whole town and district was deeply shocked on Saturday last when it was learned that the pastor of the Wainwright United Church, Rev. T. Edgar Armstrong, B.A., B.D., had passed away suddenly just before noon.

The late Mr. Armstrong was born in Shawville, Que., on January 24th, 1881, and was thus in his 59th year at the time of his death. He was the son of George and Mary Armstrong, and following his public school education at Shawville, he studied at McGill university, from which institution he was awarded his B.A. degree.

On August 20th, 1913, he was married to Miss Mabel Brock at Florence, Ont., and this union was blessed with two children—Willette (teaching at Camrose) and Brock (at variety).

Coming west in 1912 he took his first change in Central Methodist Church, Calgary, this being followed by ministerial appointments at Carleton Place, Munson, Clive, Bawlf, and Oida. Some seven years ago he came with his family to Wainwright to minister to the congregation of the United Church, and has held that pastorate since that time.

Since being the victim of an unfortunate car accident a couple of months ago at Irma, the deceased gentleman has been in ill health, and has been under medical care since that time. Plans had been completed for the family to take a holiday at the coast in the hope of a full recuperation of his health.

THE FUNERAL

which was held on Monday afternoon, was in charge of Rev. W. J. Bell of Holden (chairman of this presbytery), assisted by Revs. H. G. Lester of Virding, H. Morrison of Edgerton, and E. Longmire of Irma. Other ministers of the gospel were present from several other points in the district, as well as from the other Wainwright churches. —Wainwright Star.

NOTICE

NOTICE OF RATEPAYERS MEETING

The annual hospital ratepayers meeting of the Wainwright Municipal District No. 17 will be held at the Town Hall, Wainwright, June 8th, 1940, at 2 p.m.

By order of the Board of Trustees.  
Gordon Graham, sec-treas.

17-24c

DARK'S OPTICAL CAR

Thos. G. Dark, eye sight specialist and registered optometrist, will visit the following places for professional services as follows:

IRMA—May 30, 9 to 12 a.m.  
JARROW—12:30 to 1:30 p.m.  
KINSLEA—1:30 to 2:30 p.m.  
VIKING—8 to 8:30 p.m.

Remember the date, Thursday, May 30th, on above hours. Up-to-date service at city prices.

The World of Wheat

H. G. L. Strange

Venezuela is a country which depends for its state revenue upon high tariffs against imports. The price therefore, of things to be purchased in Venezuela are very high, and the standard of living of the people is low.

In Curacao, however, which is a Dutch island some 80 miles away from Venezuela, tariffs are either non-existent or very low. In consequence imported goods and products from all over the world are abundant, prices are cheap (considerably cheaper than in Canada), so the standard of living of the people is high.

In Venezuela a very ordinary lunch costs \$2.50 (American money). The same lunch in Curacao can be had for 25 cents. American cigarettes are 50 cents a package in Venezuela and in Curacao 10 cents—the same brand in Canada costs 25 cents. White cotton shirts of a standard brand, made in the United States, are considerably cheaper in Curacao than they are in Canada. In Venezuela the people are obviously underfed and discontented, whereas in Curacao they are well-fed, smiling, happy and contented.

The thought occurred to me how much better off our western farmers would be if they too, like the Curacao people, could buy what they needed on the world's markets, where they sell their wheat, without having to pay heavy tariffs and import duties.

## NOTEWORTHY NOTES

From The VERMILION SCHOOL OF AGRICULTURE

With spring work well under way and country roads drying rapidly, members of the teaching staff at the Vermilion School of Agriculture are busily engaged with field and agricultural work connected with agricultural improvement.

A M. Wilson, who has charge of agronomy work at the school is carrying out plans to seed some fifteen fertilizer test fields in surrounding districts. The object of these tests is to determine the effect of various kinds of fertilizers and rates of seedling.

Meetings of teachers in districts where a school fair is to be held this fall are being arranged by W. G. Malster, district supervisor of school fairs. The purpose of the meetings is to discuss revisions in the prize list and to lay plans for most successful and worthwhile fairs in September.

District agricultural work in the area west of Vermilion to Tofield and Brudenheim is being done by M. H. Bentley who was also in the district last year.

During the rush of spring work young pigs are frequently neglected. Unless there is an adequate supply of cows milk for them they should receive about 10 per cent of tankage mixed with their grain ration for at least the first month or six weeks after weaning.

Farmers over a large area in south-eastern Alberta have petitioned the dominion government to set up a Restricted area for the control of Bovine Tuberculosis and testing is now under way. At present the northern boundary of this "T.B. free area" has reached Wainwright and runs just south of the C.N.R. line from there to Tofield.

## CHURCH NOTICES AND ACTIVITIES

UNITED CHURCH

Sunday, May 19  
Paschendale—public worship 11:15  
Rosedale—2:30 p.m.  
Public worship 8:30 p.m.

Irma

Sunday school—11 a.m.  
Evening worship 7:30 p.m.  
Mid-week service Wednesday 8 p.m.  
A hearty invitation is extended to all.

FULL GOSPEL SERVICES

Sunday, May 19  
Strawberry Plains—11 a.m.  
Rosedale—1:30 p.m.  
Alma Mater—4 p.m.  
All are welcome.  
Rev. Wm. Dyerhill in charge.

White pigs are subject to sun scalding particularly where proper shade is not provided. When sun-burning has occurred oil should be applied. Used crank case oil will do very well. A rubbing soaked with the oil allows the skin to apply the treatment themselves.

Again this spring a large number of municipalities are participating in the dominion-provincial forage crop seed distribution policy and many farmers are obtaining at part-cost limited quantities of grass and legume seed. Every effort is being made to provide those who obtain this seed with the best available information regarding its seedling and management.

When successful stands of the best forage crops are given an opportunity to demonstrate their value then the fertility of our soil and the permanence of our agriculture will be assured.

Mr. W. W. Bradley, inspector under the Prairie Farmer Assistance Act, visited Irma last Wednesday, May 16, and with Mr. Wilkenson, sec-treas. of Battle River M.D. checked over matters pertaining to the wheat bonus for farmers in township 30 range 7.

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## For Greater Practicability

The present day trend towards broadening the basis of the curricula for high schools and of making provision for educational and vocational guidance for the benefit of high school students and their parents in the western provinces is comparatively new, but it appears to be a move in the right direction.

As the Deputy Minister of Education for Saskatchewan recently said at a public meeting the high school curricula at the present time is based on a preparation for entrance into university, but as he also said with truth only about ten per cent. of students who take a high school course eventually reach the universities. In other words, the courses of study in the high schools are tuned to the needs of ten per cent. of the students; while the other 90 per cent. are largely working with little or no definite objective in view.

It does not necessarily follow, of course, that the 90 per cent. who will not enter university derive no benefit from the training they receive in the secondary schools through which they pass, but it may, and often, no doubt, does mean, that the time they spend in school might be used to better advantage if the subjects made available for study are those which will be of practical value to them when they subsequently embark on the great adventure of making a livelihood for themselves.

Preparing the child for his or her entry in the commercial and industrial life of the country is not, of course, the sole objective of secondary education, but it is an important one, which must not be overlooked, if the educational system is to achieve its full mission. The other important objective of secondary education is, or should be, cultural. Equally important is it that the student's activities in high school be designed to enable him or her to secure the maximum of happiness and enjoyment in post-school life, whether it be at work or at play. In other words, preparation for leisure as well as for work should be one of the aims of secondary education.

### Wider Range Needed

When, however, one considers that phase of the function of secondary education which is designed to fit the student for making a living in his or her chosen vocation, it is readily seen that pupils should be given a wider range of subjects from which to choose than are presently available in the average high school, insofar as facilities and finances can be made available, if students are presumed to be ready to fend for themselves in the outer world after completing grade 12.

Business and commercial activities of to-day are becoming more complex and more exacting with advancing scientific discoveries and their application to industrial life and it is becoming daily more evident, that if school days for 90 per cent. of the students are to end when high school doors close upon them, the range of optional subjects available to them must be widened, if the objective of preparedness for making a living is to be realized.

If not before, then, certainly by the time the student steps into grade 11, it should be possible to determine his aptitudes, his likes, his capacities in short, what type of work he is likely to be best fitted for after leaving school; and that usually means in what he is most interested.

That information having been docketed and analyzed it should then be a comparatively easy matter to determine along what lines the pupil's studies should be pursued to ensure maximum progress while at school and the best results later in the workaday world.

When the great variety of outlets that are offered in the industrial and commercial life of the country are considered, it can be seen that the preparatory scope of the high school must be materially broadened in the future if secondary education is to fulfil one of its major purposes in the scheme of human affairs.

### The Key To Education

For some time now foresighted teachers have seen the shortcomings of the secondary educational system and have urged changes in curricula and courses of study to bring the system more up to date and more ready to fit it to the needs and capacities, not only of the students but of society generally. Parents also are becoming aware of the necessity for greater elasticity and as this knowledge becomes more crystallized, these needed changes will be put into effect.

No matter what changes are made in the "tools" of the secondary education system, however, the fact that the curricula are not the most important thing should not be forgotten. Transcending the subjects taught and the courses of study is the teacher. If the teacher has character and vision and is capable of exerting the "right" influence over his charges, the students will joyfully follow the course which will be of greatest benefit not only during school days but in after life. The teacher is the key to the entire educational system. Given the right type of teacher and sufficient freedom to impress his character and influence upon the students, the latter will not likely go far astray when they face the difficulties which will face them when entering upon their vocations.

### Norwegian Names

Perhaps This Will Help If You Have To Pronounce Any

In pronouncing Norwegian names a few hints may be helpful. Norwegian "s" is always sibilant and never has the sound of "z". "Aa" (in Norwegian it appears as an "a" with a ring above it) has a very "raw" sound. "Y" is like the French "u", spoken with lips rounded. The final "d" in "fjord" and the final "g" in the endings "berg" and "borg" are usually silent. "Kj" is about half-way between "ch" and "ch".—Montreal Gazette.

### Birds Not Worried

Feathered Life Not Disturbed By Bombs And Gunfire

Bird lovers, some of whom have been apprehensive that Royal Canadian Air Force bombing and gunnery ranges might disturb bird life, can forget their worries, according to the defence department at Ottawa. Bombing practice and air firing isn't going to bother the birds at all.

In a press release the department said: "Experience in England has proved conclusively that the nature of training for air observers and air gunners under the British Commonwealth Air Training Plan causes no disturbances to such (feathered) wild life."

As a matter of fact, the department added, swans in particular have been seen frequenting bombing range areas.

### Trade Goes To Britain

Germany's Export Toy Industry Has Flattened Out Since War

Germany was once the world's largest manufacturer of dolls, and one of the largest of mechanical toys.

Since the war, however, the Nazi export toy industry has flattened out like a pricked balloon.

British exports, on the other hand, have nearly doubled. Chief demand has been for dolls and war toys. Canada has largely increased her buying. So have South Africa, Australia and the Argentine.

War toys are most sought by countries nearest to the seat of war. And of mechanical toys of all sorts, airplanes take pride of place.

Female industrial workers have greatly increased in Japan since the outbreak of the China incident.

Tea leaves are being used in making a coffee substitute in Germany.

## MAKE UP WITH OGDEN'S



Ogden's Fine Cut heads the list in the production of a smoother, milder, mellower, cigarette. Roll your own or make up with Ogden's agree that this cigarette tobacco plays the feature "role" in smoking enjoyment.

Only the best cigarette papers—"Chatterbox" or "Vagabond"—are good enough for Ogden's.



### Art May Be Lost

Glass And Pottery Industries Bull Up By Czechs Have Been Destroyed

Hitler emerges as the bull in the formation gathered from Czech-Bohemia china shop, according to Slovak refugees by Capt. Horace H. Van Wart, Czech-Slovakian consul in Toronto.

"Everything indicates," he said, "that the world-famous glass and pottery industries the Czechs built up while they were free are now completely dead."

"Frankly, we don't really know what is happening in that country, but it seems more than probable that the factories all of which were confiscated and put under Reich commissions at the time of the annexation, are being utilized for war purposes, and have ceased to make the glass and porcelain articles for which Czech-Slovakia was once noted."

"The German policy of destroying everything in the Czech nation that can make it proud and their obvious determination to reduce those people to hewers of wood and drawers of water for a 'superior German race' would make it hard to carry on any great Czech industry, anyway," he added.

### SELECTED RECIPES

#### INDIVIDUAL CHICKEN PIES

- 15 small bottled onions
- 1 cup cooked, diced carrots
- 1 1/2 cups cooked peas
- 1 1/2 cups cooked, diced potatoes
- 1 1/2 cups diced, cooked chicken
- 3 cups thin, well seasoned chicken gravy or white sauce, salt
- 20 Cottage's milk lunch biscuits
- 1/2 cup butter
- 1/2 cup water

Into six individual baking dishes put a portion each of the vegetables, chicken, seasoning and gravy. Roll biscuits fine and mix with softened butter and water. Spread a portion on top of each dish. Bake in a hot oven (450 deg. F.) until top is lightly browned. Six pies.

#### RANGER COOKIES

- 1/2 cup shortening
  - 1/2 cup granulated sugar
  - 1/2 cup brown sugar
  - 1 egg
  - 1 teaspoon vanilla extract
  - 1 cup flour
  - 1/2 teaspoon soda
  - 1/2 teaspoon baking powder
  - 1/2 teaspoon salt
  - 1 cup quick cooking oatmeal
  - 1 cup Kellogg's Rice Krispies
  - 1/2 cup coconut
- Blend shortening and sugars thoroughly; add egg and flavoring; beat well. Sift flour, soda, baking powder and salt together; combine with oatmeal, Rice Krispies and coconut; add to creamed mixture and stir until well mixed. Drop by spoonfuls onto well-greased baking sheet, and bake in moderate oven (350 degrees F.) about 15 minutes or until brown. Yield: Four dozen cookies (two inches in diameter).

#### Would Require Plenty

The Brockville Record and Times says how much freight the railways of Canada are capable of moving is shown in the Bureau of Statistics report that during January revenue freight loaded at Canadian stations or received from foreign connections totalled 7,156,622 tons, the highest for that month in any year since 1930. A mathematician may figure how many motor trucks would be required to carry such a volume of traffic.

Artificially flattening the head is an old custom found by anthropologists in every continent of the world, except Australia.

### Plan Venturesome Trip

To Take Long Cruise In A 43-Foot Auxiliary Schooner

A North Vancouver music teacher and an Anacortes, Wash., girl who once attempted to paddle a canoe from Anacortes to Ketchikan, Alaska, are planning a cruise in a 42-foot auxiliary schooner from Louisbourg, N.S., through the Panama canal to British Columbia waters.

Miss Mavis Wilcox, the music teacher, said Jack Shark, a former Yukon mining camp cook, will pilot the craft. Third member of the party will be Betty Annette Lowman of Anacortes, only woman member of the Deep Sea Fishermen's Union of Seattle.

In 1937, Miss Lowman was wrecked and rescued in an attempt to paddle a canoe up the Pacific coast to Alaska.

Captain John Antle, retired Anglican clergyman of Victoria and Vancouver, is another adventurer. From there he went to Kingston, Jamaica, and last was reported at Croydon, the entrance to the Panama canal.

Captain Antle expected to reach Victoria about the end of May.

### More Airports

No Buildings Allowed To Be Erected In Vicinity Without Permission

The Department of Transport announced that 24 airports in Canada have been designated "for direct or indirect use for military purposes" and therefore are subject to the airport zoning regulations, which forbid construction of buildings or other structures near them without permission.

At or near 10 of the airports so designated, training schools under the British Commonwealth Air Training Scheme will be established. These are at London, Jarvis, Windsor, Kingston, Brantford and Fort William in Ontario; Saskatoon, Prince Albert and Moose Jaw in Saskatchewan and Windsor Mills, Que. The other airports designated are: Ontario—Hagersville, Burch, Alliston, Welland, Eldenvalle and Dunville; Saskatchewan—Vancouver and Oiler; Alberta—Airdrie, Currie Barracks, Macleod, Granum, Pearce and Penhold.

### Few Are Successful

Neither age nor experience is a specific against the itch to write popular songs, says Doran Antrim, in American Mercury. Over 21,000 are copyrighted yearly in the United States, most of them in manuscript, 9,000 achieve publication, and only a bare 100 emerge as hits. Of the 1,400 who write music for a living in the United States, only 130 write hits.

Japanese beetles include cultivated geranium leaves and flowers on their diet list, even though the plant is poison to them.

### Looking For Proof

Veteran Seeks Comrades Who Know Where He Lost His Teeth

A set of false teeth has started a Canada-wide search for ex-members of the 124th Battalion, transport section, who were at Goldfish chateau, railroad, near Ypres, in October, 1917.

Hugh Thornley, Great War veteran, a patient in Shaughnessy military hospital, Vancouver, is the man who needs the "store teeth". He is trying to get them through the veterans' pension board, but there is no proof he lost his teeth under fire at Chateau Goldfish. He must obtain the testimony of men who were there with him the night it happened.

So Thornley placed a classified advertisement in a newspaper. It requested information regarding the whereabouts of George Almond, Bobby Gibbs, "Irish" Jones, or any other member of the 124th Transport.

Almond, Thornley's sergeant, was in a hut when Hugh Thornley staggered in with a bloody face and almost toothless mouth. He and Bobby Gibbs would remember that on the night of Oct. 17, 1917, Pte. Thornley volunteered to dash across a 200-yard go-man's land, under heavy fire, to bring back a sack of coal. His destination was the railroad yards—about 200 yards away. It and the surrounding territory had been under heavy German shelling for several hours. Thornley reached the yard without mishap. He filled his sack with coal and started back. And that's when most of his teeth went galley west. He got up and staggered back to his hut.

The mishap was not officially reported. His injury did not go down on his medical sheet. Now he cannot prove that he has the right to ask for a free set of teeth, and his only hope is the testimony of his former pals.

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James will be 100 in October and his wife 98 in December. He had no school and started work at 10, earning fourpence a day by scaring birds and minding sheep.

After his wedding he began farming, with 1100 lent him by a friend. He plowed the same land for 44 years and retired 30 years ago. The couple have had 14 children, but have lost count of their grand- and great-grandchildren. Eight sons—three of whom are farmers—and one daughter survive.

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Number of marriages was double that of the first quarter. Altogether there were 46,257 marriages during the year.

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By Edgar Wallace

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### CHAPTER III.—Continued

"Mine is rather a delicate errand, but it struck me—I have found myself thinking about you many times since we met—that possibly . . . I might be able to find a good post for you. Your situation, if you will forgive my saying as much, is a little tragic. Association with—er—criminals or people with criminal records has a drugging effect even upon the finest nature."

She smiled.

"In other words, Mr. Harlow," she said quietly, "you're under the impression I'm rather badly off, and

that you would like to make life easier for me?"

He beamed at this. "Exactly," he said. "It is very kind of you—most kind," she said, and meant it. "But I have a very good post in a lawyer's office."

He inclined his head graciously.

"Good People

"Mr. Stebbings has been very good to me."

"Mr. . . . His head jerked on one side. "Stebbing's of Stebbings, Field & Marrow—surely not! They were my lawyers until a few years ago."

She knew this also. "Quite good people, though a little old-fashioned," he said. "Then of course you have heard Mr. Stebbings speak of me?"

"Only once," she confessed. "He is a very reticent man and never talks about his clients."

Harlow hit his lip in thought.

"An excellent fellow! I have often wondered whether I was wrong in taking my affairs from him. I wish you would mention that to him when

you see him. I understood you were working in the office of the New Library Syndicate?"

She smiled at this.

"It's curious you should say that; their offices are in Lincoln's Inn Fields, but next door."

"Ah!" he said. "I see how the mistake arose," and added quickly: "A friend of mine who knows you saw you going into—an office, and obviously made a mistake."

He did not tell her who was their mutual friend, and she was not sufficiently interested to inquire.

This time the knock at the door was more pronounced.

"Will you excuse me?" she said. "Those are my cleaners, and one of them is rather inclined to tell me her troubles. I may keep you waiting a little while."

She hurried out of the room, and he heard the sound of a door opening, as Jim Carlton and Elk came back into the dining room.

"A very charming young lady that," said Mr. Harlow.

"Very," said Jim shortly.

"Women do not interest me greatly"—the Splendid Harlow picked a tiny thread of cotton from his immaculate cape and dropped it on the floor. "They think along lines which I find it difficult to follow. They are emotional, too—away by momentary fears and scruples. . . ."

The sound of voices in the passage, one high-pitched and complaining: . . . what with the fog and everything, miss, it's lucky we're here at all. . . ."

Two shabby figures passed the open door, followed by Allen.

"I suppose you don't know Ingle, Mr. Harlow?" Jim was examining the photograph on the mantelpiece.

"A long-form swindler; clever, but with a kink even in his kinkiness! Believes in revolution and all that sort of thing . . . blood and guillotines and tumbrils; the whole box of tricks."

Something made him look round.

Mr. Stratford Harlow was standing in the centre of the room, gripping the edge of a small table to keep him upright. His face was white and haggard and drawn, and in his pale eyes was a look of horror such as Jim Carlton had never seen in the face of a man. Elk sprang forward and caught him as he swayed, and led him to a big settee. Into this Stratford Harlow sank and, leaning forward, covered his face with his hands.

"Oh, my God!" he said, rocked slowly from side to side, and fell in a heap on the floor.

The colossus had faintly.

### CHAPTER IV.

"A little heart trouble," said Mr. Harlow, smiling as he set down the glass of water. "I'm terribly sorry to have given you so much trouble, Miss Rivers. I haven't had an attack in years."

He was still pale, but such was his extraordinary self-control that the hand that put down the glass was without a tremor.

"Phew!" he dabbed his forehead daintily with a silken handkerchief and rose steadily to his feet.

Elk was engaged in the prosaic task of brushing the dust stains from his knees, and looking up.

"You'd better let me take you home, Mr. Harlow," he said.

Stratford Harlow shook his head.

"That is quite unnecessary—quite," he said. "I have my car at the door, and a remedy for all such mental disturbances as these! And it's not a drug," he smiled.

Nevertheless, Elk went down with him to the car.

"Will you tell my chauffeur to drive to the Charing Cross power station?" was the surprising request, and long after the car had moved off in the fog Elk stood on the side walk, wondering what business took this multimillionaire to such a venue.

They evidently knew Mr. Harlow at the power station, and they at any rate saw nothing remarkable in his visit. The engineer, who was smoking at the door, stood back to let him walk into the great machinery hall, and placed a stool for him. And there, for half an hour, he sat, and the droning of the dynamos and the whirr and thud of the great engines were sedatives and anodynes to his troubled mind.

Here he had come before to think out great schemes, which developed best in this atmosphere. The power and majesty of big wheels, the rhythm of the driving belts as they sagged and rose, the shaded lights above the marble switchboards, the noisy quiet of it all stimulated him as nothing else could. Here he found the illusion of irresistibility that attuned so perfectly to his own mood; the inevitable effects of the inevitable causes. The sense that he was standing near the very heart of power was an inspiration. This lofty

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hall was a very home of the gods to him.

Half an hour, an hour, passed, and then he rose with a catch of his breath and a slow smile lit the big face.

"Thank you, Harry; thank you." He shook the attendant's hand and left something that crinkled in the hard palm of the workman. A few minutes later he drove through brilliant illumination. Piccadilly Circus and could offer a witness to the flickering and flashing lights whose birth he had seen and whose very brilliance was a homage to the steel godhead.

The Colossus' Background

To be thoroughly understood, Mr. Stratford Harlow must be known.

There had been five members of the Harlow family when Stratford Selwyn Mortimer Harlow was born, and they were all immensely rich.

His mother died a week later, his father, when he was aged three, leaving the infant child to the care of his Aunt Mercy, a spinster who was accounted, even by her charitable relatives, as "strange." The boy was never sent to school, for his health was none of the best, and he had his education at the hands of his aunt. An enormously rich woman with no interest in life, she guarded her charge jealously. Family interference drove her to a frenzy. The one call that her two sisters paid her, when the boy was seven, ended in a quarrel with his aunt, Alice, the younger, based most of her conversation for years afterward.

The main result of the quarrel between Miss Mercy and her maiden sisters was that she shut up Kravely Hall and removed, with her maid, Mrs. Edwin, to a little cottage at Teignmouth. Here she lived unmolested by her relatives for seven years. She then went to Scarborough for three years and thence to Bournemouth. Regularly every month she wrote to her two sisters and her bachelor brother in New York, and the terminology of the letters did not vary by so much as a comma.

Miss Mercy Harlow presents her compliments and begs to state that The Boy is in Good Health and is receiving adequate attention in the essential subjects together with a sound instruction in the tenets of the Protestant Religion.

She had engaged a tutor, a bearded young man from Oxford University (she declined to mention this fact to her brother, with whom she had not quarrelled), whose name was Marling. There came to the ears of Aunt Alice a story which called into question the fitness of Mr. Marling to mould the plastic mind of youth. A maid scandal at Oxford, Miss Alice felt it her duty to write, and after a long interval had a reply:

Miss Mercy Harlow begs to thank Miss Alice Harlow for her communication and in reply begs to state that she has conducted a very thorough and searching enquiry into the charges preferred against Mr. Saul Marling B.A. Oxon and is satisfied that Mr. Marling acted in the most honourable manner, and has done nothing with which he may reproach himself or which renders him unfit to direct the studies of The Boy.

The Awakening

This happened a year before Miss Mercy's death. When nature took its toll and she passed to her Maker, Miss Alice hastened to Bournemouth (whether her sister had removed years, before), and in a small and secluded cottage near Christchurch found a big and solemn young man of 25, dressed in a little gawdily black. He was tearless and, indeed, his aunt suspected, almost cheerful at the prospect of being free from Miss Mercy's drastic management.

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The bearded tutor had left (Mrs. Edwin, the maid, tearfully explained) a fortnight before the passing of Miss Mercy.

"And if he hadn't gone," said Miss Alice with tight lips, "I should have made short work of him! The Boy has been suppressed. He hasn't a word to say for himself."

A council, including the family lawyer, who was making his first acquaintance with Stratford, was held. It was agreed that The Boy should have a flat in Park Lane and the companionship of an elder man who combined knowledge of the world with a leaning toward piety. Such was found in the Rev. John Barthurst, M.A., an ex-natal chaplain. Mrs. Edwin was pensioned off, the beginning of Stratford's independent life being celebrated with a dinner and a visit to "Charley's Aunt," through which roaring farce he sat with a stony face.

(To Be Continued)

## Danes Are Broken-Hearted

Know Their Country Taken By Treachery Is Facing Ruin

The day before the Nazis invaded Denmark the Danish king was assured personally by Germany that Hitler had no intention of sending his forces into that country. Joseph C. Harach, correspondent of the Christian Science Monitor, cabled his paper from Berlin. Yet, while the king was being assured, there were four German coastships at anchor in Copenhagen harbor with soldiers under their hatches. They stayed there in the darkness all day that Monday and all that night. At 5 a.m. they came out to take the capital in the morning mist.

"Denmark is broken-hearted," Harach writes. "I never dreamed I should ever see such unspoken heartache in a people."

"Physically they are, so far, not badly treated. The forces of occupation are trying to be inconspicuous. Outwardly, one sees only the sentries with fixed bayonets in front of the huts taken for headquarters, the grim efficient columns of war which move through the streets, the few soldiers off duty gazing at windows full of butter and chocolate and cheese."

"German authorities act through the Danish government. The Danish flag flies everywhere. Germans are trying to prove to the outside world that they can occupy a country gently. But these are not the things that count in the hearts of the people."

"German authorities talked cheerfully about new trade opportunities with Germany. A staff of trade negotiators is already at work on arrangements which will integrate Denmark in the German economy. Perhaps they have schemes which will keep Denmark busy. Germany can provide coal, but not the high quality used in most Danish factories. They will have to be re-equipped in many respects."

"Perhaps some German steel will be allotted to Denmark, but can Germany spare any even if it can continue to get Swedish ore via the Baltic?"

"And where will oil and gasoline come from? These are Denmark's major industrial imports."

"The Danes see only these questions and assume their industries now will be silent. The Germans recognize the impossibility of supplying the fodder necessary to keep Danish dairy farms operating. They calmly assume that if dairying is reduced, a balance can be obtained which will keep butter, eggs, cheese and bacon flowing from the farms."

"But Danish livestock grazes in pastures less than four months of the year. The other eight months the cattle and pigs are fed with imports from the U.S. and Japan. Of the 5,000,000 cows, how many must be butchered that the others may live? How can the prize Danish stock be maintained?"

"I found people who were beginning to think that perhaps it might not have been so much worse to go down in fighting dissolution than face a future in which their shipping industry, overseas markets and prize cattle are gone."

"The atmosphere is more unhappy than in Prague. The Czechs have had generations of experience in living under another nation during which the technique of underground activity was bred into them. But the Danes have no such tradition."

At one time the American flag had 15 stripes.



## Herein Of Last War

World Opinion Saved French Teacher From German Firing Squad

Louise Thuliez, who was condemned to death before a German firing squad in 1915, is back on the Western Front doing her bit for France again.

The French schoolteacher stood with three others beside Edith Cavell in Brussels on July 31, 1915, and heard a German court martial pronounce the extreme penalty on them for engineering the escape of hundreds of Allied prisoners by way of Holland.

Ms. Thuliez, now 55 years old, escaped the sentence because the execution of Miss Cavell aroused such a world-wide furor that her colleagues won reprieve.

The Frenchwoman spent 33 months in German military prisons. She was released three days before the Armistice by German revolutionists. Returning to Paris, she opened a school for young girls.

The generosity of an American, Mrs. John Hubbard, has enabled her and seven other Frenchwomen to open a canteen "somewhere in the Maginot Line."

## GEMS OF THOUGHT

### SIMPLICITY

Simplicity, of all things, is the hardest to be copied—Steele.

Simplicity of character is the natural result of profound thought—Hazlitt.

"Love one another" (I John, III: 23), is the most simple and profound counsel of the inspired writer—Mary Baker Eddy.

Goodness and simplicity are indissolubly united—Martineau.

Nothing is more simple than greatness; indeed, to be simple is to be great—Emerson.

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In making the bait, the dry ingredients should first be thoroughly mixed. The molasses is stirred into the water and added to the bran and Paris green. In mixing, add only enough water to make the material the consistency of mud. It should not be made sloppy but so that it will crumble in the hands and slip through the fingers easily. Land that was heavily infested in the former years should be treated before the plants are set out. This is done by broadcasting the

bait at the rate of 15 to 20 pounds per acre a few nights before transplanting. One application should be sufficient but if the cutworms are numerous a second application should be made a few days after the first. Always spread bait in the evenings just before dusk, and, if possible, choose a warm, still night for the work.

If the attack is unexpected and the plants are already in the field, the bait should be applied around the base of each plant using about ¼ teaspoonful for each. Should one application not kill all the cutworms, a second treatment should be made two or three nights later.

## World of Sport

By H. B. C.

The dominion men's senior basketball championship rests again in Vancouver. For the fourth successive year the Maple Leafs are on top of the heap. Two of the members of this team have been in all four of these finals. The Young Men's Hebrew Association lost three games in succession in the series that ended last Saturday night in Montreal, the accurate shooting of the coast team being the main feature. The Leafs made 55 shots in the last game, scoring 11 field goals, while the Y.M.H.A. had 66 chances and found the hoop but nine times.

## PROVINCIAL CHAIRMAN



John Burns who has been appointed by J. L. Ralston, minister of finance, as chairman of the Alberta committee of the War Savings Committee to launch the sale of War Savings Certificates.

## LOCALS

Mrs. Geo. Dawson and young son visited her sister, Mrs. O. Enger, and family last week-end. Mrs. Dawson was on her way from northern Alberta to Vancouver to join her husband.

The Irma United Church Sunday school had the large attendance of 180 on Mothers' Day. A very interesting and appropriate program was carried out. In the evening a Mothers' Day service was conducted by the pastor. The regular service was followed by a reception and communion service.

Mr. Ed Huffman figured in a runaway accident on Saturday, May 11, when a team of colts he was using a disk suddenly became frightened and started to run. Mr. Huffman was thrown clear and the horses were stopped by the reins becoming wound up on the disk. Mr. Huffman finally attracted the attention of Jas. Paul's hired man who assisted in unhitching the team. Practically the only damage done was a broken disk tongue.

Seeding is progressing satisfactorily in the Irma district.

Douglas Harper, son of Mr. and Mrs. A. R. Harper, was taken to an Edmonton hospital last Monday evening for medical treatment. We hear that he was to undergo an operation on Wednesday, his condition being quite serious.

Mrs. C. L. Feero enjoyed a visit from her mother on Mothers' Day.

The Viking and Irma high school baseball team met on the Irma diamond for the first game of the season on May 14th. A very good game was played with Irma coming out on top with a score of 8-6.

Because of the fact that Fr. McGrane was president of both the Irma branch of the Canadian Legion and the Irma branch of the Red Cross Society and that he was moved from Irma to the Lac la Biche parish this spring, meetings were held on Thursday evening, May 9th, to elect a successor. Rev. E. Longmire of the Irma United Church was elected president of the Red Cross Society and Com. Wm. E. Walker as president of the Irma branch Canadian Leg-on.

The Ladies Aid tea in Mr. Feero's new office last Saturday was very well patronized and the ladies are grateful for the support given them.

Petition forms for the request to the dominion minister of agriculture to declare the area of the Municipal District of Battle River No. 423 as a Restricted area for the eradication of Bovine Tuberculosis, are still available at the municipal office, and all cattle owners should avail themselves to the eradication of bovine tuberculosis from this area.

Rev. and Mrs. Longmire attended the funeral service for Rev. T. E. Armstrong held in Edmonton last Monday afternoon. Rev. Morrison of Edgerton, Alta., accompanied them.

The council of the Municipal District of Battle River have co-operated with the Irma branch of the Womens Institute with regards to a clean up day in the Irma cemetery, which will be on Wednesday afternoon, May 29th.

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